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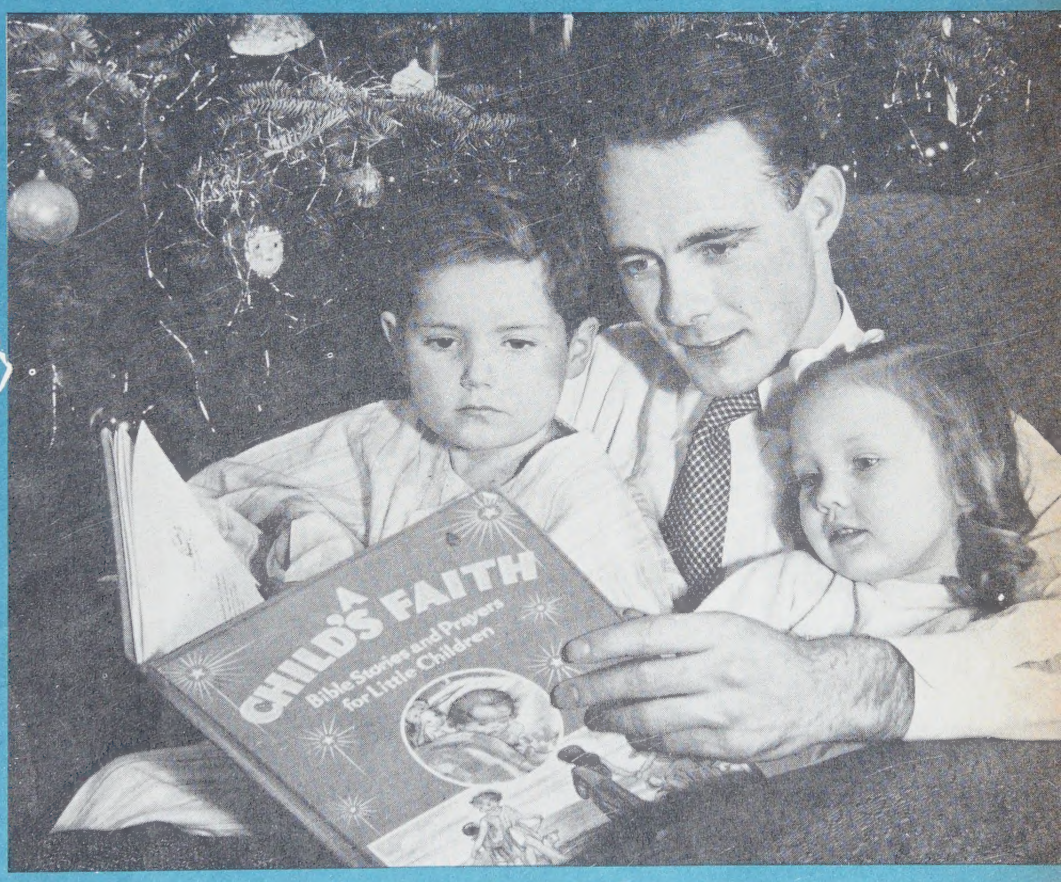

Books are friends—
Come, let us read

The Negro, with his simple piet
has contributed greatly to religio
art. At left is a painting of
the Nativity scene by a contemp
South African artist; below, one
of the beautiful American Negro
spirituals.

When I was a learner, I sought both night and day,
I asked the Lord to aid me, And He showed me the way.

He made me a watchman Upon the city wall
An' if I am a Christian, I am the least of all.

Go, tell it on the mountains,
Over the hills an' ev'rywhere,
Go tell it on the mountains,
Our Jesus Christ is born.

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Is Your Mind Ready?

What a lot is said nowadays about preparation for irement! Money must be invested, hobbies developed, es and climates investigated. But rarely mentioned—d most needed—is a well stocked mind. This great- of all assets is often the deciding factor in successful irement, whether the "retirement" is imposed by ious illness or, more commonly, by superannuation. Both types of retirement have come to my husband. rty years a history professor who worked constantly research, writing, and lecturing, he now at seventy- ee is producing additional articles out of the vast alth of ideas and material he accumulated through years. But in 1957 this was not so—four operations d many months in bed permitted no work at all. t during all the long period of complete inactivity was never querulous, never panicky, always philo- hical and considerate. What made it possible for n to be patient through the endless hours when he is racked with pain? I think I found the answer when was caring for him.

Each dawn when I came to his hospital room he uld tell me of the thoughts which he had considered he lay awake in the night—of our children and fami- matters, of world affairs, psychological aspects in the e and fall of empires, books, authors, religious ex- riences, and a myriad of subjects too varied to list re. There was no need for an external source of terest; visitors were banned by doctors' orders and no dio or television was wanted. He talked with me on e days he was not too ill; during the weeks when s hold on life seemed most tenuous we spoke but tle. It was only later that I learned he was well pre- red for those days and nights too—prepared by his ildhood in Norway where devoted parents, a happy d deeply religious home, and study in a country hool with its daily lessons in religion all supplied m with immeasurable riches from which he could aw in times of need.

Perhaps one little incident will illustrate this point. s the head nurse said, "*Everything* seems to have gone wrong on your husband's case." A fistula had occurred, osteomyelitis had developed, oversedation had nearly ended his life, almost unendurable pain could not be eased, the doctors disagreed on the diagnosis, and the hospital office lost his record so that for a while they could not even bill us accurately. Surely nothing could be more amiss than that! But there was to be an additional blunder. To settle the diagnosis muddle the doctors ordered special x-rays two successive days. Because of my husband's desperate condition, arrangements were made to have a man in constant attendance when he was moved to x-ray, and to return him to his room as quickly as possible. The first day the plans went smoothly; he was out of his room less than twenty minutes.

The second day an even more specialized x-ray was scheduled at 10:45 a.m. Again the careful move, the nurse and orderly in attendance—but no reappearance of the patient for half, three-quarters, a full hour. When it was discovered that the nurse and orderly had gone off on another case the floor nurses set up a search. I went to x-ray, the girl at the outer desk knew nothing of my husband's whereabouts, and all the rest of the staff had gone for lunch. As I walked through the deserted corridors I heard a voice speak my name. There my pain-racked husband lay on a cold and hard x-ray table. The technician who had taken the picture went off "for a moment" to see if the film was all right, fell into conversation with a colleague, and completely forgot his patient.

How many of us, faced with such a predicament, would have been fuming and upset? Not my husband. Some weeks later when he was well enough to reminisce about the incident I asked if he had been angry or frightened in his helpless position. "Oh of course not," he replied, "as I lay there I recalled the lines of the wonderful Norwegian hymn which was sung at Julius' [his brother's] funeral, and I tried to translate those lines into comparably beautiful English while I waited

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Sin in Sweden

Nature Boys

A Swedish writer named Artur Lundkvist has been awarded the Lenin Prize in literature. It must have seemed like heaven. For years Lundkvist has been sustained in his lonely loping around the arena by a red cloud of witnesses. But his affinity with the Russians is more than political. He also has the Kremlin theology.

Insofar as it is possible to understand the swollen prose which flows from Russian pens, we can guess that the Russians have something subtler than a dogma of force. They are not Assyrians, lusting merely for land and loot. They are nature-worshippers. They turn to that scarred goddess, Mother Nature, for their light and their salvation.

Sin and Sun

Since my return from Sweden a year ago, no question has been asked with more frequency or interest than this: "Is it true what they say about sin in Sweden?" The question is usually whispered *sotto voce* behind a potted palm and the intonation suggests all sorts of murky mysteries.

Most people who ask the question tend to confuse two things which may be epitomized in the words "sin" and "sun." "Sin in Sweden" suggests to the fiercely Victorian American a confusion of images: mixed sunbathing, mixed drinks, modern art, cooperatives, and socialism.

Sun in Sweden

Unquestionably, there is in modern Sweden much less prudishness about the human body and its functions than in Anglo-American countries. Little children are not upon birth swaddled into shorts and halters. It is not considered shocking for small fry to see each other naked. People are normally modest about their bodies but not ashamed of them. Hence many Swedes swim without bathing suits. The water provides some concealment, and they don suits when they sun themselves on the beach. Normally it is not considered improper to change into one's suit on the beach, a procedure banned by law in most American communities.

The frankness extends to conversation. Swed talk about the body, its structure and function, w prurience or suffocating embarrassment.

By way of contrast, I recall the uproar once by a chance remark of an American family do my presence. I was a young pastor, but old enoug to shave and vote, and I was making a call upon lady when her physician arrived. In the course conversation that good man made a diagnostic co which threw the lady into complete confusion. purpling face she turned to me and simpered: " much too young to know anything about *that.*"

Sin in Sweden

It must be quite plain that the frankness Swedes, though disturbing to our more reserved bilities, cannot be classed as sin. More alarming philosophy which seems increasingly to domina country and its people, a philosophy which has n nection, so far as I can determine, with Swedi jectivity.

This is the view heralded not only by Lundkvi Moberg and half a hundred other Swedish write by the rank and file of workers, students, hous and academic people. It is the view that life contained and that we are answerable to no one ourselves and perhaps society. It is a view that sa everything except the sacred and which looks up Christian faith as outmoded and hypocritical.

Nativity for Naturalists

The perfect symbolization of this faith in Na a book by Artur Lundkvist called *The Horse Daughters.* The horsedealer is a raucous rake v any sort of moral discipline. But after a wild through every imaginable kind of lustihead, he bles with his two daughters before a newborn fo intones with a Pecksniffian smirk, "The little da The naturalists know no other stable than this other savior than a colt. If there is a sin pecu Sweden, this is it—the adoration of the creature than the Creator who is blessed forever.

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For the Family Story Hour:

Take out all the Christmas books and display them on the library table. All the past *Christmases,* all the volumes of favorite Christmas stories: *The Long Christmas* by Ruth Sawyer; *Christmas Tales for Reading Aloud, The Fireside Book of Christmas Stories, A Grandmother for Christmas, The Sky Bed,* Dickens' *Christmas Carol,* "Christmas at Dingley Dell" from *Pickwick Papers, The Cricket on the Hearth.* Keep a regular reading aloud time this Christmas season. Why not read Dickens' *Christmas Carol* this week?

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS

Advent in the Lives of Men

"... light has dawned"— Matthew 4:16

A generation or so ago, the most popular book of ristian fiction was *In His Steps,* Sheldon, the story a group of people who took seriously the implications the verse of Scripture which describes the saved in ese words: "These are they that follow the Lamb ithersoever he goeth." They were experiencing the ults of the Lamb's Advent in the lives of men.

Light and Advent, we learned in last week's medita- n, go together. When the Lord Jesus came into the rld, He brought it Light. First, Light in the souls men; He is the Bringer of Salvation. But the Chris- n dare not stop there; in fact, he cannot. The Light ich salvation in Christ has lighted in his soul must ne forth in his daily life. He not only walks by the ine Light; his every act is a reflection of it.

In the twelfth chapter of Romans, Paul tells us what s means: *Having gifts that differ according to the ce given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in pro- rtion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who ches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhorta- n; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, h zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.* Translating those words into the figure of Advent ght, we learn two important lessons: the lesson of *iding Light* and the lesson of *Giving Light.*

Guiding Light is the Light shed on the Christian from above, directing his every motive and action. It is the moving power which makes his attitude toward life and work and people different. Because Advent Light has shined into his soul, his life is transformed. His attitude toward whatever his task in life may be, and his relations to his fellow men are conditioned by the fact that he has the Saving Light. "What does Jesus say?" "What would Jesus have me do?" Those are the questions the Christian asks. And he seeks to know the will of God as it is revealed to him in Scripture.

Giving Light is the extension of Guiding Light into our relations with others. John showed us the way as he constantly emphasized love to one another. His first epistle is full of it. It is all summarized in his words, "Beloved, let us love one another; because love is of God." If every person were a Christian, guided by Light and giving Light, the entire world would be transformed. That we shall never see. But that does not alter the fact that each one who has experienced Advent can help Light penetrate to many, as he extends the Advent Light which has shined into his soul into his everyday life so that he who is guided by Light also gives Light.

The last of three articles by Dr. S. C. Eastvold . . .

The Word and the Church

What Is the Future of the Church?

The Church in all its activities remembers that its life is from everlasting to everlasting. And since it knows that Christ will come again as Judge, the Church's life is marked by an alert and responsible expectancy, measuring all its actions by the inescapable and just judgment of Christ upon them" *(United Testimony).*

A right kind of meditating upon the future will cause the Church to get ready for salvation and to avoid the impending judgment. She can have no missionary zeal without the conviction of the coming again of her Lord Jesus Christ. Everywhere the Scriptures refer us to Christ's coming as the great motive for repentance, holiness, and watchfulness. Therefore we are to watch and pray. While many in the Church are slumbering, God's fixed purposes are rolling us on to the funeral of the world that now is.

The Contemporary Church

The Church is now a mixed society (Ex. 12:18) with intermingling of good and evil, relatively the same in all ages, though evil is steadily on the increase. Cain and Abel were at the same altar. We are assured that hypocrites and wicked men are mingled with the true Church in the outward assembly. The tares and the wheat shall grow together until the end of time (Matt. 13:24-43). Any premature attempt to separate them would mean peril to the wheat (v. 30). This does not mean that we are to bury the doctrine of Church discipline for notorious offenses (Matt. 18:17; I Cor. 2:5). The parable of the net makes it plain that the Gospel net will inclose both good and bad fishes. The figure of the threshing floor warns us that the chaff is to be separated from the wheat at the Day of Judgment.

The increase of evil has been true of every dispensation. As the "first love" declines, bad practices and false doctrines creep in. "A thousand times has our religion been on the point of universal destruction, and every time that it has been in this condition, God has raised it up by some extraordinary stroke of his power" (Pascal). "Every victory is only the prophesy of a new conflict that immediately impends; every seeming defeat only the preparation for a surely approaching victory" (Jacobs, *A Summary of the Christian Faith,* p. 378).

The Church of Tomorrow

During the course of the history of the Church on earth, the visible Church is to become increasing center of disputatious divisions (cf. Luke 12:51-53). outer and the inner unity will at last be gone for (Luke 18:8). The great church systems will be stea gaining in error, until the unity achieved will be of compromise, with false doctrine permeating whole. Life will become chilled and numb. At the great and united visible Church will be a barren of conflict, even a household divided against itself Tim. 3:5; 4:3).

A close study of the Church at Corinth gives hope for a pure and strong future. Even the leader of Paul did not lend sufficient power and influenc the Churches of Galatia to stay apostasy (Gal. 1:6 nor to check theft, bitterness, wrath, clamor, evil sp ing, and malice in Ephesus (Eph. 4:28, 31). Paul over the Church of his day. It is sad, but prophetic true, that the visible Church will at last become a tering place for the Devil. The parables of Matt prove this.

Satan will take advantage of the unwatchful, promising, and slumbering Church, and will enter its offices, converting the Church to the world. He succeed in yoking the Church with himself, *except a small and faithful remnant.* The true Church is in world, but not of it (John 17:11, 15, 16).

The visible Church is in the process of losing its and its salt. When Jesus comes for His Church, will find that the sower has met with a varied anc perfect reception; that the tares have conquered field; that the mustard seed has grown into a shelte tree for evil; that the leaven of evil has made a gra and utter corruption of the truth; but that the pea great price, His faithful remnant, His true Brid earth, will be precious and waiting. With His dra He will cleanse the Kingdom at His coming. faithless professors will be spewed from His m (Rev. 3:15).

Is the Church, Then, A Failure?

If this is a true picture of the earthly career of Ch visible Church, must it not then be considered a fa and the Gospel regarded as inadequate to its purp Some ask why the great Author of Christianity has mitted the history of His Church's realization to in so much of the painful and revolting, and why H not keep His sacred institutions unpolluted, why the will be allowed to grow dim, why He does not His garden unblighted and His love unruffled?

e can answer that His thoughts are not ours. Our conceits are dashed to bits on lesser problems than . It is therefore a part of piety and wisdom to accept 's Word as it is and the facts as they are, without vain imaginings as to how things might have been. Gospel is not responsible for perversions any more the law is when it is broken by the convicts. The tasies prove the divinity of the Bible, for they are old in such words as these: "the falling away"; e prophets in sheep's clothing"; "departing from the ," and the bringing in of "damnable heresies." The est pages in the history of the Church were foretold in advance of their realization.

the New Testament had stated that the circle of Church should be forever free from satanic invasion; no heresies, schisms, inconsistencies, crimes, should be found in ecclesiastical annals; and that the er of the Church should be like a pure and peace-river, unobstructed in its flow, unpolluted in its rs, and ever expanding through the centuries, un-he world should be covered with the ocean of its oured blessings in a great and perfect kingdom on ; then, indeed, such obscurations of the sunny ire would necessitate the admission that Christianity failed. But no such things are written in the New ament. The very reverse is found in every allusion h it makes to the estate of the Church in this d, or to the nature and object of this dispensation. st gathered only a "little flock." Paul hoped that might save some." Jesus expected that only a few ld be taken out from among the Gentiles (Acts 4-15).

The Church Will Not Convert the World

e must not, therefore, look to the Church of any ever to convert the masses, for such a doctrine is here taught in the Scripture. Every respectable d in Christendom regards such as "Jewish notions" ch expect the godly to become sovereign in this ld *prior* to the "resurrection of the just." Instead of lden age, there will be persecution and tribulation Matt. 24:23; I Tim. 4:1; II Tim. 3:1-6; II Pet. 3:3). Church will not be triumphant until the Son of returns in the clouds of heaven.

hen at last the visible Church has become a Baby-a dwelling place of Satan, permeated through and ugh with the leaven of corruption as the dwelling e of unclean spirits, and "the cage of every hateful " (Rev. 18:2), it will be spewed from the mouth of Savior King and destroyed as a material organiza-through a burning with fire. Such a creature can er bring about a golden age.

uns, tanks, airplanes for war, bombers, armories, and modern missiles are not rusty with non-use. The world is becoming more and more like a pack of fierce and hungry wolves. The world continues to ignore, hate, and resist the saving truths of Jesus Christ. When Jesus comes for His Church, it will be *mid-night,* not *mid-noon.* He will overtake the world in universal heart failure.

A Church, as we know it today, made up quite generally of people corrupted by spiritual dry-rot, could never be used to bring about a regenerated world; it is too weak to even travail in pain unto the new birth of its present membership. Salvation is sidetracked by a "save the world for democracy" cry; Christ's blood is ignored and the blood of patriotism is substituted; the Sermon on the Mount has failed to take the place of the sermon from the Cross. While the doctrine of Christ's second coming has been literally ignored by much of Christendom, we have had Stalin, Hitler, and Mussolini upon the earth. While the books of Moses are regarded by many in Protestant Christianity as only myths, we have been at the mercy of madmen and Europe has become a graveyard. So the world today is what Jesus said it would become in the last days—a red flag society, with no boss below and no God above.

A True Remnant Remains

Meanwhile, there is a true remnant in the midst of this apostate Church. It is the Bride of Christ. There is a hope, bright and glorious, for those who remain faithful to the Word of God (I Thess. 5:4-8; I Peter 1:13).

While the faithful Church is waiting, she should be preparing herself as well as using her talents in winning others. She cannot do this by entering into unholy alliances and compromises with those who have denied the basic truths of the Word of God. She must come apart and be separate. She must be a "witness" showing the way (Acts 1:8). This may mean to be counted among the martyrs. As such, the faithful Church is "one flesh" with Christ, for she is "sealed unto the day of redemption" (cf. Eph. 1:13-14, 17-18; 5:31; 4:24, 30, 32).

Perhaps the world movements in our present Christendom are the beginnings of the great and final confederacy. There are signs which lead some to believe that we are now in the travail of such a birth. Why couldn't this be the time of the manifestation of Jesus from heaven?

To this end the true Church of Christ, in all her afflictions, labors and travails in the birth of souls (Gal. 4:19, I Cor. 4:15), which are born from above by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-5). The Bible-centered Church calls sinners to come out from the world to be separate (II Cor. 6:14-18).

Is Your Mind Ready?

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for someone to come for me." His childhood training and the succeeding years of experience and contemplation had given him the resources to adapt even to that situation.

For those of us who have not early learned one must go down to the sea in ships in order to discover His wonders in the deep, is it too late to achieve that greatest asset of all, a philosophical and calm attitude which develops from a mind well filled with hymns and Bible verses, with facts and ideas? I think not. A former dean of women and a close friend of mine once said she had discovered an excellent antidote for dull household tasks—she tacked up verses she liked and memorized them as she went about her physical labor.

With the lesson of my husband's experience so vividly before me I am now using my friend's scheme. Each day I learn a psalm or a poem or a paragraph which expresses a thought I want to make my own forever. I began this plan hoping it would benefit me in my later years, but I find it is already giving me pleasure and comfort. Formerly when I would waken in the night, my thoughts often wandered into useless worry; now they can be concentrated on the verses recently committed to memory. How much more significance and import there is in the lovely phrases of the Hundredth Psalm when one lies in the darkness drawing out each line from memory and considering its implications than when it is read—often too hurriedly.

My husband has known this help and joy for many decades. Even those of us who start late, however, can still achieve sufficient preparation, can store enough in our minds, so that wherever we are and whatever we must face the words of comfort can be found in our memories. Then He can make "the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still." Then are we glad of the quiet that we may be brought into the "desired haven." D.K.K.

A Statement From the Board of Trustees . . .

To the Congregations

The Board of Trustees would like to make clear to the congregations of The Evangelical Lutheran Church the status of Budget income for 1958 as it reviewed it at the close of the third quarter of the year.

Last February, when the Board of Trustees of the ELC examined the final report on income for 1957, it said: "The Church should rejoice in this result, as a sign of continued growth in the grace of Christian stewardship. Encouraged by the outpouring of gifts in 1957, it is confident that the Church desires to continue moving ahead in its work and therefore recommends to the congregations that they not only make plans to provide the entire $6,160,774 for the 1958 Budget, but seek to provide the amount which was not provided in 1957. The additional funds beyond the regular 1958 Budget will be applied to those items not met through 1957 receipts."

The present state of income for 1958 is one which mixes hope and uncertainty, thankfulness and concern. Our congregations, together, have provided more than $300,000 above that received at this point a year ago. This gives hope and thankfulness. However, we failed to reach our objectives last year by $375,000. If we receive in November, December and January only as as we received last year in th period, we will fall short of c jective again this year by $ without providing any of the a which we failed to reach in 195 none of us wants to do.

Once more we call upon the C to give attention to the way means by which this will be There is no doubt that we ou do it, and that we can do it. G blessed us beyond measure. The of most of us are well aware goodness. It may take special but it can be done.

Where objectives have been will readily be met by the cor tions, we ask that attention be to providing sums above tho jectives, for the sake of "our m and our mission." Where obj seem hard to reach, we urg special prayers be offered and opportunities be given for con people to do more.

We request each congregati make every attempt to give mor a year ago. It seems imperativ we provide $450,000 more than ago if at all possible.

The Board of Trustees
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DISTRICT	1958 OBJECTIVE	RAISED	STATUS	% RAISED
Eastern	$ 1,474,372.00	$ 893,364.20	$ 581,007.80	60.6
No. Minn.	646,031.00	390,435.57	255,595.43	60.4
So. Minn.	1,285,159.00	743,279.58	541,879.42	57.8
So. Cent.	572,280.00	334,503.51	237,776.49	58.5
So. Dak.	570,961.00	332,543.11	238,417.89	58.2
No. Dak.	651,462.00	377,947.46	273,514.54	58.0
Rocky Mt.	272,538.00	162,118.14	110,419.86	59.5
Pacific	319,919.00	196,592.16	123,326.84	61.5
Calif.	283,798.00	180,094.92	103,703.08	63.5
Canada	123,357.00	73,645.41	49,711.59	59.7
No Dist.		11,799.90	11,799.90 Cr.	
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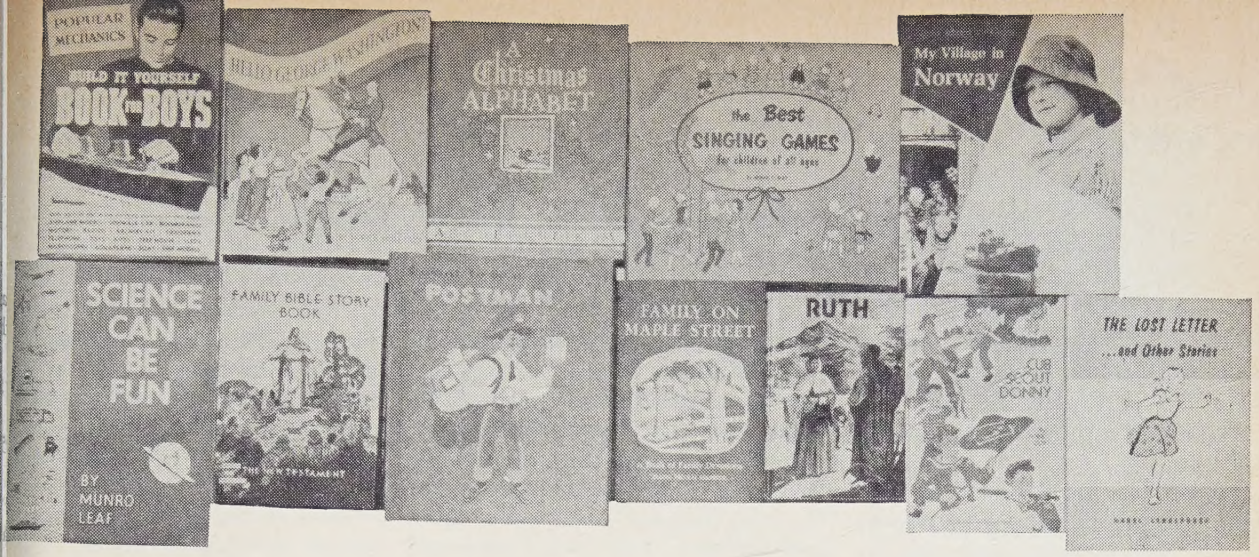
Books for Christmas Giving

ooks have advantages at Christmas time that few other gifts can equal. Books first of all bring pleasure in what is the most ous season of the year. They pay a certain compliment to both recipient and the giver, in implying that both are aware of the lights to the eye and the stimulation to the mind to be found books as in nothing else. They are a gift of permanence: a book it is loved never need disappear from a person's life. Books are t consumed in use. They are never out-of-date: when the world anges enough to pass beyond a book, the book becomes history, d is valued in a different way. Books can bring pleasure to more n one person; they do not go into a closet but remain in the nily rooms, to be enjoyed by the whole family. Long after the son is past they can offer laughter, hope or challenge to a dening group of family members and friends.

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An invitation to

Look Over My Shoulder

If you are doting parents, you no doubt have delectables in your refrigerator (which you don't padlock) and a full cookie jar (with no traps set under the lid).

But do you have books in your home? Do you own books, have books on your shelves, have shelves for the books? Are your children able to raid bookshelves as well as the refrigerator? Can they take a book as well as a cookie when going to bed? (Books don't make crumbs!)

When you serve Christmas fruit cake to your children, do you first remove the raisins, dates, citron, pecans, walnuts, cherries, pineapple, orange and lemon peel, and spices?

Are your children being cheated of all the thoughts, visions, understandings, ideals, and ideas which movies, TV, and comics extract when they go to books and mine them for plots?

Edna Hong, mother of eight, writes with understandable authority about children's books.

Are the children in your house deprived of the joy of having the total mind and spirit engaged in the creative, imaginative activity of reading? Are only their eyes, ears, and a thin top layer of the mind being involved in passive, spectator, audio-visual experiences? Are you, perhaps, buying quantities of the bright eye-appealing quarter books which as stories are pitifully commonplace because they are completely destitute of tears and laughter and love and sympathy and understanding and tolerance and pathos and all the human emotions which children *also* possess—because they are human beings? It is not these stories which my children come begging to have read. It is stories which are vibrant with life, richness, and beauty. Children know the difference!

Parents, indulgent grandparents, doting aunts and uncles—Christmas is coming. Why not buy books boldly for the children you love with gifts at Christmas time? I realize full well that I sound suspiciously like a saleswoman. I hasten to reassure you that I am in collusion with children, not with the booksellers! I crave for all children the liberating insights which good books can give them! I am firmly convinced that it is possible for currents to be established between a child and a good book and for richness of heart and spirit to flow into the child and become a reality in the wholeness of his person. If not a flowage, well then—capillary oozing!

You can't, of course, go wrong on the children's classics, but I am presupposing that you know all about them, daring even to hope that your shelves are full of them! One can be confounded by the very profusion of books for children being published every year. Would you care to look over my shoulder and scan a few of the most recent publications?

Small children grasp the greatness and goodness of God best from the Bible-read-aloud-by-loving-parents and the Gospel-as-lived-by-Daddy-and-Mommy. But there are other books which help nourish a child's thoughts about God. One of the best is Helen Drummond Asher's *A Child's Thought of God* (Rand, McNally, 75c) in which the author translates Psalm 104 into the quiet, tender poetry of children's thinking—*and without lisping!* Illustrator Dorothy Grider's interpretation is free; yet there is unusual reciprocity between author and artist. The pre-school child will love this book, and the primary child will thrill to read it.

For the two- and three-year-old, Harriet Van Meter's *Hands* (John Knox Press, $1.75), a book of appealin
tographs, rhythm, rhyme, rep
and simple melody, expresses th
that God is a loving, planning G
that hands are a part of His lo
His plan.

More of God's love and plan i
preted in Carolyn Muller W
God Gave Us Seasons (Abi

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Those who already know Maude Miska Petersham's books for chil- n will be glad indeed to welcome new editions of *David, Ruth,* and *ses* (Macmillan, $2.00 each). The of their books is Biblical in tone; illustrations strong, vivid, and un- ally accurate in detail.

Pelagie Doane's *The Story of Moses* ppincott, $2.95) is quite different n the Petersham's *Moses*. The text a retelling of the story with added ails—authentic facts deftly woven the Biblical story. Unfortunately illustrations do not have the vitality he Old Testament hero they attempt interpret.

Robbie Trent's little new book (for y little people) *The Little Old dy* (Broadman, 60c) attempts little

re than to tell with childlike simpli- y the story of the lame woman healed Jesus. Children will like it, and rents will like the little price.

If your children are followers of that ng with the meritorious conscience, Sugar Creek gang, then you will il their newest book, *Sugar Creek ng Goes Western* (by Paul Hutchins, ripture Press, $1.25). It ends with verybody forgiven to everybody and body mad at anybody"—which is out the only way a moralizing book n end. How demoralizing if it didn't! Mabel Langehough's *The Lost Let- . . . and other Stories* (Augsburg, .50) sometimes comes within a ueak of being little sermon lectures, it for the most part avoids that fatal diction of stories that have telling a lesson as an aim. New readers in the family will enjoy this beautifully printed book of stories about ordinary children with everyday problems just like their own.

Eager new readers will also enjoy the three new books added in 1958 to the *I-Want-to-Be* titles (by Carla Greene, Childrens Press, $2.00 each). This makes sixteen occupational choices now opened up for your second and third grader's serious consideration. Parents will rejoice that the professions of postman, storekeeper, and roadbuilder are now being offered to their lads. (Spoofing aside, the books are gay, the type is large, and your child's reading ability will be advanced.)

But not his imagination! The postmen may walk and walk and walk; the bulldozers bulldoze—me and mine would rather sit halfway up the stairs (or halfway down) with Christopher Robin where "all sorts of funny thoughts run around my head: It isn't really anywhere! It's somewhere else instead." And oh, glee! A. A. Milne's whole wonderful enchanting world of Robin and Pooh may now come into your house in two books with the original drawings in black and white and new ones *in color* by the same delightful illustrator, E. H. Shepard (E. P. Dutton, $3.95 each). *The World of Christopher Robin* has the complete *When We Were Very Young* and *Now We Are Six. The World of Pooh* has the complete *Winnie the Pooh* and *The House at Pooh Corner.*

My reaction to *Shirley Temple's Storybook* (Random House, $3.95) was initially negative. More Hollywood? However, I had only to open this book of old stories to see that it is truly a rare and delightful book. Each story is illustrated by a different artist. Apparently they vied with each other in a friendly spirit of rivalry, for artistically the book is a kaleidoscopic treasure.

Random House has put out a new *Andersen's Fairy Tales* ($1.00). As far as I am concerned, Rose Dobb's retelling could have been dispensed with, for Hans Christian Andersen doesn't need rephrasing. But Gustav Hjortlund's illustrations are full of color and quaint humor.

Science can be fun, says Munro Leaf in a new book for children by that name (Lippincott, $2.75). He does in-

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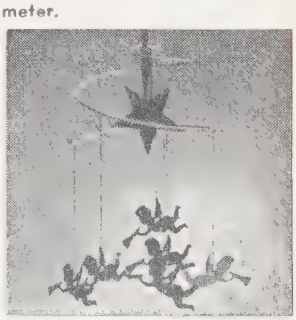

ANGEL MOBILE

A brass star with six hovering angels, and a red ribbon for hanging. From Denmark.

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deed make it so with his admirably apt gift of making difficult truths about the world simple—and his equally admirable silly amateurish drawings. This is a *very first* introduction to science, easy enough for the preschooler to understand.

The truths about our world may be found in another easy-to-read book (ages 7-9, *Your Wonderful World of Science* by Mae and Ira Freeman (Random House, $1.95). It deals specifically and clearly with the earth, sun, weather, rocks, air, water, heat, cold, etc.

It's Snowing by Edith Hurd (Sterling, $2.50) is another kind of a science book. Poetic science, I would call it, for it creates a mood with its sensitive prose and its charming illustrations. *It's Snowing* is not so much a scientific explanation of snow (although this is artfully incorporated) as the story of its far-reaching effects on town and country, in forest and field.

Peter and the Rain (by Polly Dillard, Broadman, 60c) is a small, inexpensive book for tots which aims to show that rain is in God's plan even if it doesn't happen to be in ours.

Another mood book for the very young is Charlotte Zolotow's story of a sleepless little girl and a wise father who took her out into the wonder and the mysteries of the night. *The Night When Mother Was Away* (Lothrop, $2.75) is almost sheer poetry!

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Understanding Maps by Beulah Tannenbaum and Myra Stillman (Whittlesey, $3.00) is fascinating—but perhaps only to that select but delightful clan of people who are enchanted by maps. If you are fortunate enough to have begotten such an extraordinary child, by all means buy him this book!

Do you have a novice stamp collector in your family? If so, Ernest A. Kehr, who is stamp and coin news editor of the New York Herald Tribune, answers all the questions uninformed-but-well-wishing parents are helpless to answer in an attractive book called *Collecting Stamps* (Childrens Press, $3.95). Warning: Don't buy the book hopefully with a view to *producing* a stamp collector. We have long since learned that the spirits of hobbies are vagrant spirits. Where they come from nobody knows—but most assuredly not from parental persuasion!

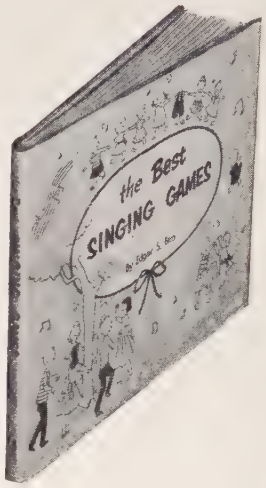
If you have a newfledged or an about-to-be Cub Scout in the family, you can gladden him with a book he can easily read himself—*Cub Scout Donny* by Anne Guy (Abingdon, $1.75). Be sure there is an Akela and a Pack in your neighborhood before you give this book —or you will only add to a small boy's frustrations!

If your child of 10-14 loves dogs, he will enjoy *Black Douglas* (Sterling, $2.00), the story of a Labrador retriever. The author, Adelaide Bolton Louden, displays a great knowledge of dogs; the artist, an unusually sensitive feeling for dogs.

Jungle Doctor on the Hop by Paul White (Erdman's, $1.50) was my first introduction to the Jungle Doctor series of the author's own experiences in Tanganyika territory. If the seventeen other Jungle Doctor books are like this one, then buy them all! I have read many missionary books for children. This is the first one where I have felt profoundly the spirit of the native. Dr. Paul White is undoubtedly an excellent medical missionary. He could not be a better or more sensitive X-rayer of the soul of the people he so lovingly serves! There is no affectation, no sham on any page. A gem!

Another gem is Elizabeth Fleming's *Gift from the Mikado* (Westminster, $2.95), characterized by the same ring of truth and sensitive understanding and love of the people to whom the missionary comes. I suppose I esteem these books so highly because authors obviously esteem the "nat so highly and feel that the giving i unilateral!

The Best Singing Games (for dren of all ages) by Edgar S. (Sterling, $2.95) is a must in any fa —as much a must as the necessit families frequently to break down be just plain and uninhibited



abandoned gay and silly together. I are robust singing games, action so songs to dramatize, songs to da One of the most gratifying aspect the book is its encouragement to ventiveness. Children soon make new stanzas, change the actions, a the verses to their own family. G leaders as well as parents will find book valuable. It's an invitation to

The Landmark Series of histo books for children is splendid. Landmark label is practically a ranty of historical accuracy and qu writing. No Landmark book has m me as profoundly as Anita Daniel's *Story of Albert Schweitzer* (Ran House, $1.95). Your idealistic e teen-ager could get lost in no book than this story of an idealist amazingly never lost a smidge of vast idealism! In fact, I can think o finer conclusion to this sketch of r ing for children than a quote from book, a word from Albert Schwei himself.

"The most important years in life those between nine and fourteen. is the time to plant the seeds of kn edge in the mind—afterwards it is late. This is the time to acquaint young with the great spirits of n kind."

Titles for Teens

Teen agers are such variable readers! In the same family one may find a voracious reader who devours everything and another who doesn't bother to read anything unless it serves some purpose such as meeting an assignment. For each of these our Christmas shelf has something to offer.

Let's begin with the reluctant reader. very often this fellow has a strong bent toward things mechanical, and may be an avid follower of *Popular Mechanics*. He will be pleased with their new *Build It Yourself Book for Boys* ($2.50). This is not for little boys, but will challenge the interest and capabilities of a teenager (and his dad). Strongly bound, full of illustrations, really usable—all the way from model airplanes and kites to taxidermy.

For the reluctant reader who wants immediate results, there is an intriguing book prepared by a crafts teacher and a music teacher which utilizes all kinds of things that may be just lying around: *Make Your Own Musical Instruments,* by Mandell and Wood (Sterling Pub., $2.95), covers everything from the simplest drums and rhythm sticks to effective wind instruments, and winds up with games to be played using these home-made

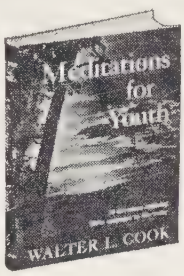
Phelva Hetland is the wife of the Rev. A. Henry Hetland, area director of the NLC Division of College and University Work in Oakland, Calif. There are four teen-agers in the Hetland family.

rams. Full of illustrations and colored diagrams which really do tell how to do things, this even includes the correct way to make a willow whistle. If you never had one that your grandfather made, it's high time you learned to make one yourself.)

The well-known "All About" series put out by Random House has reached a total of 23, of which the latest is *All About Electricity* ($1.95). This is a 12 or early teens book, with large print and a most interesting tie-up of persons with the development of our knowledge and use of electricity. I recommend this for surreptitious reading by the mother in the house—it may "save face" for her sometime to know some of this.

Another early-teens book is Faith Coxe Bailey's biography of *John Huss* (Zondervan, $1.50) the Bohemian martyr of 1415. Written in story form with much elaboration of details, it brings alive the issues stirring in the Church and makes John Huss very real.

Devotional materials for youth are not easily come by. So Walter L. Cook wrote one himself for his teen-age



sons, *Meditations for Youth* (Abingdon, $1.75) and has done a pretty good job of it. Under five main topics he uses headings such as "The Angry Tree," "Are You Good in Small Parts?" and introduces each meditation with a story. This is a small book, sturdily bound.

A rather unusual book, one prepared by a man and his wife who have done a great deal of teen-age counseling, is *More Power to You* by John and Dorothea Crawford (Muhlenberg Press, $2.50). It is really a do-it-yourself manual in practical psychology as is indicated by the sub-title, "A Teen Guide for Self-Understanding." It even gives problems and test situations for study and evaluation. There is a Christian emphasis throughout, and the last chapter says plainly that one must use the Bible and take from it the essential teaching that Jesus Christ came to save us from ourselves. The book is attractively bound and might be of real help.

Fiction has its place under the Christmas tree, and we have a goodly supply of very readable and worthwhile books for teen-agers. Among them, *Junior Miler* (Westminster Press, $2.95) stands out as a really remarkable story about two boys whose dad becomes principal of the school they attend. One has a feeling of being on the inside of the developments and part of them so that he lives through the difficult situations as they

arise. Much of the plot is concerned with the first Victory Day when the new football captain finds himself one of only five who have come in outlandish dress, and the events which follow. Written by Lawrence Keating, this is an excellent running mate for his *"Kid Brother."*

Bold White Stranger (Zondervan, $2.50) could take its title either from the courageous white men who came to bring the Gospel and lived it among the Eskimos, or from the wild white wolf who endangered their very lives. There is much action and interest, and the Gospel witness is interwoven as it must be in the lives of those who profess it. This book won a prize and deserves it. Printing and binding are

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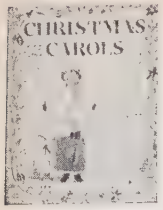

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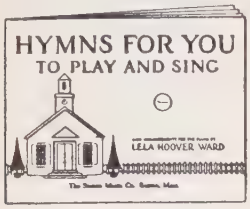
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good and the jacket attractive. It was written by Florence E. Beausay.

For mystery-lovers we have *Treasure in the Valley* (Funk and Wagnall, $2.95), which manages to keep its secret until the author, Lois Snelling, chooses to reveal it. Of course there is a map which is in itself a puzzle to the two 17-year-old boys who spend a summer at the ghost house in the haunted valley in Arkansas.

While girls are more likely to read and enjoy books that were written for boys than vice versa, we do have a book about two girls. *Books and Beaus* (Westminster Press, $2.95) by Rosemae Campbell, who is herself a librarian, tells the story of two girls traveling through the New England countryside with a Bookmobile. There is some minor intrigue and some excitement, including two nice young men. Pleasant reading.

Three Stars for Star Island (Funk and Wagnalls, $2.95) is one of those warm, friendly books about one girl's family. Star Island is a girls' summer campsite which is in danger of being lost because of indebtedness. Running through the account of the things that usually happen in a camp is the story of how Carol's family, plus her boy friend, rally to the cause and with the campers work out a glowing climax. The author is Marjory Hall.

The other outstanding book in this fiction group is *The Light* (Vanguard Press, $3.00). The author's name, Saint Marcoux, indicates its language background. The setting is the mountain country of the Basque, and the story concerns a blind girl and the young smuggler who has unwittingly caused her blindness. There is a heroic dog and a blind deaf-mute child of neighboring peasants, both of whom are important to the developments. It is a beautiful story, tenderly told, and would make a delightful gift. The cover illustration is lovely, and the binding good.

One might make a very poor pun on the titles of the two books we have left to consider, and say that *Toward Christian Marriage* and *Man Against the Unknown* might very well deal with the same subject matter.

Marriage and the general lack of preparation for it have come in for a good deal of discussion of late, and many books have been written. Without reference to the quality of others, we offer this one prepared by two Christian doctors, married men, at the request of the Inter-Varsity Fellowship, a campus Christian organization. On the whole they have done a good job. It is not for youngsters, and yet the time for such a book to be read is before the need for it becomes apparent. Everyone knows that there is no use talking to a person who has fallen in love, or who thinks he has. So after reading the book carefully, including the Appendix of general and specific information, I feel quite safe in saying that this book can be put in the hands of any teen-ager, and will give him food for thought while

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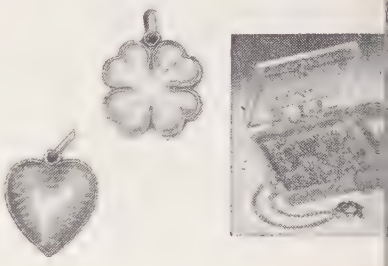

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at the same time answering man his questions. I like its approach treatment, which are practical, t ough and Christian. The authors W. Melville Capper and H. Mo Williams (Inter-Varsity, $2.25).

The most attractive book in collection is a Winston publicat written by Joseph B. Icenhower illustrated with watercolors by H land reproduced in gorgeous color detail. *Man Against the Unkn* (Winston, $3.95) is the story of coveries and explorations, begin with a chapter on Columbus. Pri in two columns on large pages w allow the illustrations ample space, book is easy reading and very infor tive as well as interesting. This w make an excellent gift book for entire family.

There'll Always Be A

Christmas

Christmas is at hand—a new and citing *Christmas!*

All around we sense the impact of a agic season when hearts are warmed gifts, and opened to thoughts of ving.

In every home there is some token the time, some list to be completed. . . "What in the world can we give unt Ella? She has everything!"

In church and school there is wear- d practice and excited programming. . . "What could we give Miss Aal- id?? She's a great teacher!"

In office and store one's senses are saulted from every angle as business

Lorraine Gravrock is the wife of the Rev. Walter C. Gravrock, pastor of Central Church in Oakland, Calif.

lls into high enticing folks to buy, uy, buy. . . . "But what can I give y boss that's different and afford- le?"

Yes, what can we give, *give,* GIVE!

Now we in the Church who are elebrating the greatest gift of all time, ould know that to share the Christ- ild with others is the finest gift we uld devise, but so often the question —"How?"

Yet one answer is so simple: *Christ- as* is at hand—that "American An- ual of Christmas Literature and Art" which the essence of everything the ason offers, is beautifully put forth 1 68 pages of choice creative efforts at reach for readers' hearts. Ran- olph Haugan and Augsburg Publish- g House have come through again, ith another triumph of creative and rinting excellence in the new *Christ- as,* Volume 28.

It should be made clear the editors f this paper did not ask this reviewer prepare a sales pitch for *Christmas,* ut in a time when so few gifts speak r Christ, the beauty and appeal of this printed witness should not be overlooked by Christian Christmas shoppers.

This year's *Christmas* makes an immediate impact with the bright color of Stryker Ingerman's cover design.

As one turns to the Frontispiece illuminating prophecy from Isaiah, and on to "The Christmas Story according to St. Luke and St. Matthew," one is interested in the painting of Edmund Kopietz who, with little attempt at reportorial detail, has projected thoughtful expressions of dramatic events, and has had the good sense to let Holy Scriptures tell the *whole* story.

Next is a "natural" to follow the Scriptural account, for through Madeline Miller's perceptive descriptions, "People and Places in the Nativity Narratives" are made more real and believable, an effect heightened by unusual photographs of the Holy Land.

Then—in keeping with a season that loves surprises—*Christmas* changes pace, and presents the lovable antics of Artist Lee Mero, whose picture stories have come to be an annual festival as important as lutefisk and lefse! His "Christmas Memories" provide hilarious comment on things past—and present people!—and evoke the nostalgia that seems a necessary adjunct to the Yuletide season.

Outstanding in this issue is Jean Louise Smith's monograph, "In Countless Ways," in which she follows tellings of the Christmas Story from that first Angels' Song down through age after age of arts, crafts, literature, and music.

Particularly significant is the chronological charting of "Some of the Accents of Christmas through the Centuries"—a most absorbing and effective evidence of the unity of countless art forms and the power of their great theme, "Christ is Born!"

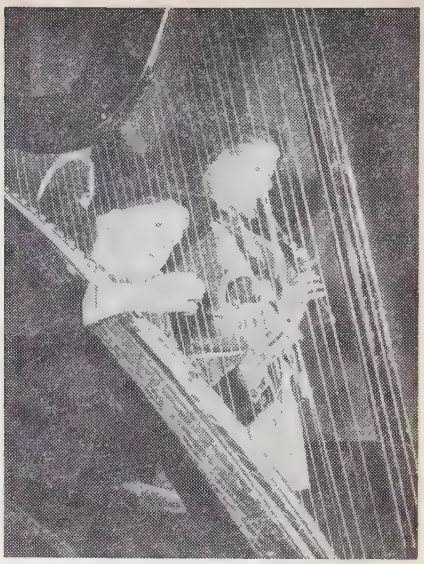

Photo by Stibor from **Christmas,** An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Vol. 28. (Augsburg, Gift Edition $1.50, Library Edition $3.50)

Melva Mickelson's colorful illustrations are rich in content and design and complement the text to the advantage of both artist and author.

"Yuletide in England, Sweden, and the Tyrol" is a striking combination of picture and text in which artist, Sada Jones, and writer, Melva Rorem, have employed a simplicity of forms and phrases that gives both novelty and force to this little travelogue.

Having just left Tyrol, it seems entirely logical next to visit "The City of Salzburg" through the discerning observations of Laurence N. Field, who creates word pictures so vivid that the reader feels intimately acquainted with the spirit of this storied city of Austria. This impression is intensified by the oil painting of Gustav Krollman, entitled simply, "Salzburg."

Still exploring Salzburg, the reader meets one aspect of Austrian folk-lore when Gertrude Sovik introduces "The Salzburg Advent Singers." The preoccupation of these simple folks (from the remotest places) with the message of the Christ-child, and their devotion to every talent that might better tell the story, is an inspiration and challenge. Stibor's sensitive photographs are a story in themselves, and the "Herbergslied" is a poignant echo of the longing which arrests one's heart with awareness of numberless songs

and souls we have not met—though they too, praise our Lord.

At this point the reader is quite ready for Grace Noll Crowell's poem, "The Star," which reveals again the unity of purpose underlying all creative efforts in *Christmas*.

In her "Song of Winter," Melva Rorem invites one to stillness and reflection—a condition to ready both heart and mind for that most vital part of any Christmas—its songs and carols.

"In Excelsis Gloria" devotes eight pages to refreshing Christmas music and pertinent information on the songs and musicians. These songs are based on familiar themes and old texts, but the music is fresh and new, reflecting the new idiom in choral music today, through arrangements from such talented contemporary church musicians as Paul Manz, Marie Pooler, Walter F. Anderson, and Winston Cassler, and an original setting composed by Daniel Moe.

All these songs are easy to play, to sing, to hear, though some readers may need to tune their ears and thinking to different receptivity as these modern arrangements speak with new relevancy of the old story, and seek new heights of religious experience.

Of interest to everyone is the final offering of this twenty-eighth Annual, an article called "Christmas Seals Around the World," in which Agnes Harrigan Mueller has produced a comprehensive survey of the history of this familiar crusade. After reading this, one may be surprised at the inspiration of this movement, and will almost certainly no longer take these mighty little seals for granted.

And so to the last page which presents in review an impressive array of *Christmas* Annuals, Volumes I through XXVII. Impressive is not so much the number shown, as the influence they represent, for behind every cover stands a record of months of prayerful planning, weeks of intense work, moments of excited inspiration, as artists, writers, musicians, printers, and editor Randolph Haugan have yielded part of themselves to the continuing unfolding of the Christmas Gospel. Totally beyond comprehension is the influence of these volumes on millions of readers whose hearts have thrilled to that greatest story of all—"Christ is Born!" And that is the essence of *Christmas*.

All About Christmas

With anything as diversified as the celebration of Christmas around the world, it is natural that each year sees many new books about Christmas. This year is no exception.

A delightful addition to Christian literature is the children's book, *Tell Me About Christmas* by Mary Alice Jones (Rand McNally). Many parents and children are well acquainted with the "Tell Me" series which Miss Jones

has been writing for the past several years. Pre-school through primary children will enjoy this book. The story, centering in a family, discusses the "why" of Christmas and emphasizes the event of the birth of Jesus, God's answer to the world's need.

No matter what your theory of education, the alphabet is still basic to reading and still extremely fascinating to children. In the new *Christmas Alphabet* by Lee Mero (Augsburg, $1.00), parents and grandparents will find an alphabet poem for the very young telling the story of Christmas again all the way from "A" for Angels to "Z" which brings the end to the alphabet rhyme.

The name of Johanna Spyri is known by three generations as the author of *Heidi*. Now available is a Christmas story by the same author. *The Children's Christmas Carol* (Prentice-Hall, $2.95) is another tale of life in the Swiss Alps. It is the story of a widowed mother and her two children, all of whose lives are changed by the Christmas carol which the children learn to sing and live. Four-color illustrations throughout the book make this a volume that will be enjoyed by every member of the family.

An author who is perhaps not kn by name but by his story is Raym Macdonald Alden, the author of *the Chimes Rang*. Just published is story, *The Christmas Tree Fa* (Bobbs-Merrill, $2.25). This is an story, first published in 1906 and reissued in this new edition. Fairy around the Christmas theme are ap times to go afield of the real Christ story. This one does not, in our opin It is a fascinating tale of The G Walled Country, the land full of dren, and the year that everyone loc for presents for himself instead of others. The lesson taught by the s is one that will be caught and rem bered by every child and adult reads this book.

Four writings by Henry Van D the author of *The Other Wise M* have been published in a new s volume, *The Spirit of Christmas* (S ner's, $1.50).

William H. Gentz is associate edito of the "Lutheran Herald" and boo editor of Augsburg Publishing House

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The why and how of Christ carols is a fascinating and enc study. Two new books are avail which give additional light on subject: *Christmas Songs and T Stories* by Herbert H. Wernecke (W minster Press, $2.50); and *Stories Christmas Carols* by Ernest K. Emu (W. A. Wilde Co., $2.00). The book is more complete, and cont the story and background of 54 Ch mas songs. All nations and several turies are represented in this volu The arrangement of the mate should make this book of partic value to Sunday school teachers others planning Christmas progr which involve these familiar carols. book by Mr. Emurian covers only carols but gives a more complete s of each of them.

Christmas Is Always by Dale E Rogers (Revell, $1.00) is a brief st ment of the meaning of Christmas this famous performer, who has de

ted her Christian faith in her life well as writing. Addressed to her dren, the book is a blending of rem- cences about Christmas and the lation of the Scriptures to which . Rogers has learned to look for the meaning of life.

Not really a book, but a combination klet and Christmas card is *Christ- Scroll,* by Jack Abernathy (John x Press, 50c). This is the story of istmas written from the point of v of the stable boy in Bethlehem o was there the night the Christ born. The surprise ending makes it ory the reader will long remember appreciate. The booklet comes in hite envelope designed for mailing. One instinctively mistrusts any book n the word "complete" in its title. *The Complete Christmas Book* anklin Watts, $4.95) has earned the it to use the word. This large vol- e gathers together information about istmas that will make it a valuable rce book for families for years. ting out with a chapter on "What You Know About Christmas," this nual gives dozens of suggestions ut the making and giving of gifts, erns and ideas for home-made istmas cards, decorating the house, istmas cooking, festivals and cus- s, Christmas on records, famous istmas stories and verse. Diagrams illustrations make the book doubly ful. It is a real treasury of Christ- s joys.

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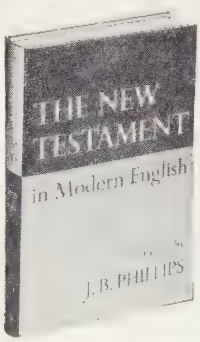
Books can inform, edify, entertain, console, and inspire. Books compel a man to keep sharp the growing edge of his mind. As Americans we are not book readers; on a percentage basis, we are far below Norway, Sweden, England and Finland. It's simply too easy to sit before the TV or in the grandstand and be "comfortably" entertained.

Buy a good book—read it—and your mind will become more aware of the world in which we live.



Many people have been introduced to J. B. Phillips through his first book, *Letters to Young Churches;* the gospels and letters in his *New Testament in Modern English* (Macmillan, $6.00) have been translated with a similar freedom and accuracy.

Those who find the Bible difficult to read and understand because the language occasionally is archaic or involved will discover themselves reading very easily the New Testament as put together by the author—the language is that of the common man and the form much as you would find in the daily newspaper. Many of the passages take on a new or additional meaning because of this translation.

J. B. Phillips gives unusually intriguing paragraph headings ("Paul and Barnabas flatly disagree but the work prospers," "A business woman is converted," "Wake up and live") which enhance the reader's interest and understanding. This book would make an excellent Christmas gift.

A veritable "treasure chest" is opened to Christian people through William B. Silverman's *Rabbinic Stories for Christian Ministers and Teachers* (Abingdon, $3.50). Halford Luccock, in his introduction, says descriptively, "This book by Rabbi Silverman employs the most magic words of human speech—'once upon a time.' In these riches which the author brings forth from the massive treasure-trove of the Jewish people, the magic pull of the story is felt. Not long stories, but short, pithy and pointed, richly decorated with wit."

Dr. E. S. Hjortland is pastor of United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oak Park, Ill.

The rabbis were teachers whose methods fired the imagination of their listeners. For this reason each page of Mr. Silverman's book is delightful and stimulating. Unfortunately the title of the book is apt to limit its audience to only Christian ministers and teachers while its wealth of engaging incidents and illustrative material would appeal to a broader public.

Martin Luther King, Jr., the center figure in the struggle for racial freedom in the town of Montgomery, Alabama, tells his story well—facts, names, places are all there. Written with warmth and understanding, the reader senses throughout *Stride Toward Freedom.* (Harper, $2.95) the heartache and humiliation of the colored people.

The incident which "lights the fuse" of the Montgomery struggle is related in the chapter called the "Decisive Arrest." The arrest of a seamstress, Mrs. Parks, begins the colored people's unifying movement—their refusal to ride the busses until segregation is discontinued. In reading *Stride To-*

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ward Freedom it is difficult for us to fathom the ruthless tactics used by the white people in order to win and hold their position.

The problem of desegregation is far from solved. Realistically, Mr. King gives us some insight into the depth of the emotional problems which both white and colored face in the South.

This Gold Is Mine, by Harold E. Dye (Broadman Press, $2.75), is a story of a depressed, frustrated minister who joins an old friend, Pablo, to look for a lost gold mine. He goes not to find gold, but to find, in the desert, something far more important—peace of mind.

Dye's love of the West is reflected in the graphic descriptions of desert life. He gives vivid character descriptions of Pablo and Desert Charlie—men who had few earthly possessions and who knew nothing of the hustle and bustle of city life, but men who possessed what many search for—good humor, a simple faith, and peace of mind.

Written by an intellectual for intellectuals, *The Man in the Mirror* by Alexander Miller (Doubleday, $3.95) encompasses the area of theology. The arrangement of material, quotations, illustrations, and subtle humor are directed to the mind and background of the graduate student. (The book was first given as a series of lectures to the students and faculty of Harvard University.)

Theology students and ministers who have kept abreast of their reading will find the book stimulating. References and quotations from theologians in the classical Christian tradition abound throughout; fewer of them would, perhaps, make the book more attractive. Mr. Miller's erudition, sharp mind, and strong faith are evident in every chapter.

A pastor will sense the glory of the ministry and its exacting demands when he reads *So You Want to Preach* by Frederick Stamm (Abingdon, $2.00. Mr. Stamm's wide experience and his acquaintance with leaders and able clergymen of the last half century give him ample material from which to draw in illustrating his points.

Taken as a whole, the chapters are practical in nature and stimulating to read. The book itself is not long, but is the kind of book a minister sho read at least once a year.

If you are wondering why haven't received a call after a num of years in the ministry, read w Frederick Stamm has to say.

An inspiring addition to any ho library would be *The Way, the Tr and the Life,* a book of paintings Ralph Pallen Coleman (Winst $7.95). The continuity of appeara expression and dress evident in e picture is a great tribute to this mod master.

Though forcefully portraying th own message, each painting is coup with its Biblical story, a descrip interpretation introducing young old to the great literary, historical, religious treasures of the Bible. S a pictorial history of the Bible wo be an excellent aid to family devoti Especial in its interpretation is painting of "Jesus and Peter on Water." Peter's fear as against Je strength leaps out at the reader.

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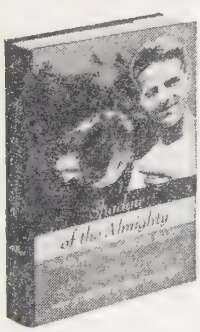
For the most of us the disciples chosen by Jesus are "figures in a stained-glass window"—they are strangers to us for we have not taken the time to become acquainted with them. To us they are saints; in Paul's words, "We are men of like nature with you."

Asbury Smith in *The Twelve Christ Chose* (Harper, $3.00) gives the disciples life, substance, and color. They seem to live and breathe. For his material he has drawn interestingly from the gospel record, tradition, folklore and secular histories of a later day—the result is individual portraits of great depth.

Mr. Smith has produced a striking volume usable by both clergy and laity. It should be read!

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose"—this is the life of Jim Elliot. In 1956 this 29-year-old missionary, along with four companions, was killed by the savage Auca Indians of Ecuador. From his rich journal writings and letters he wrote to his family and friends, Jim's wife has compiled *Shadow of the Almighty* (Harper, $3.75), a descriptive biography of this young man whose dream to minister to the Aucas became a reality.

Mr. Elliot's life was one of constant searching within himself to find the purposes of God's teachings. He was a



brilliant student during his years at Wheaton College. It is interesting to note the maturing of his mind and spirit as he plans and finally becomes a missionary to the uncivilized Ecuador tribes.

Elisabeth Elliot succeeds in making of her husband's death on the beach of the Curaray River, a living memorial to a man who lived a powerful and dedicated life for God. *Shadow of the Almighty* will appeal to the evangelistic spirit of every reader.

Faith Baldwin is an author women love to read. She has published nearly seventy novels and two volumes of poetry. *Many Windows* (Rinehart, $3.50) is her second nonfiction prose work.

Each chapter of *Many Windows* is titled by a month of the year. And so an inspirational journey is traveled through the seasons of the heart. Thoughts, hopes, sorrows, and joys are interwoven, and through them all is an abiding faith and trust in God. These are the emotions common to all women—the memories of Christmas, the inventory of past January resolutions, the belief in love, the compassion for people, the gratefulness for material things, the thankfulness for denied wants. These are the faces of nature all have beheld—a summer thunderstorm, birds feeding on a snow field, a ray of bright sunlight, the awesomeness of approaching tornados. The seasons of the year are the works of God, so too the seasons of the heart.

Dorothy Rand is the wife of Dr. Sidney A. Rand, executive director of the Department of Christian Education of the ELC.

This book provokes one to reflective and introspective thought. It has a calming effect on anxiety and a hopeful outlook for the next season.

The Gentile by Sylvia and Henry Lieferant (Muhlenberg Press, $3.50) is the story of a young Gentile girl from a small community who goes to New York to work as a fashion designer in a Jewish firm. As the weeks go by she is aware of a subtle antagonism and prejudice by co-workers toward her and gradually she finds herself retaliating by developing a hypersensitivity, a defensive attitude. She came to New York untouched by the consciousness of racial and religious differences and now she was being consumed by them.

Linda's engagement to Russ Gould, a Christian by faith, a Jew by birth, complicates her thinking and the entanglement grows more involved. At last she is confronted with the necessity to rethink her American and Christian ideals.

The book is thought-provoking and makes the reader look at his own prejudices.

Papa's Daughter by Thyra Ferre Bjorn (Rinehart, $3.50) chronicles the life of Button Franzon from a childhood filled with naughty deed, young womanhood problemed with falling in love, motherhood sorrowed by the death of her first-born, middle age burdened with mental distress, to maturity crowned with a published book.

Because this book is so completely real it will be enjoyed by all those who read it. It tells a story that is warm, romantic, tender, and human.

Yes, Doctor by Merle Shepard Baird (Cowman, $2.50). An early teenager dreaming of what to become or a late teenager already studying for her chosen career would enjoy reading Diane Gordon's three years of nurse's training are recounted with humorous undertones. Diane's father's advice "Don't forget to bring back a doctor alive!" furnishes the romantic theme for the story.

The book has a positive Christian emphasis as it depicts Diane's finding that Christianity is workable and practical in her profession and in her relations with people.

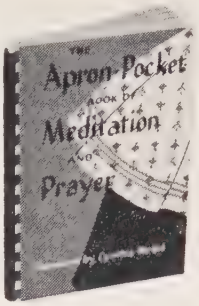
On Call by Lois Rowe, R.N. (Inter-Varsity Press, $3.50) was written by a nurse for nursing students and nurses who want to be their best for God and their patients. There are 366 short daily meditations plus pertinent Scripture verses, suggested Bible readings, and space for a prayer list.

The meditations in this book picture many hospital situations: the cry of the newborn, the anxiety of a family for a loved one, the quietness of night duty, the discouragement and defeat of death, the "gripe" session, the cheery nurse, the beauty of flowers. Throughout the cares of the day and night, God's presence and message is felt. The nurse is "on call" for the welfare of her patient and in the service of God.

God in My Kitchen by Dorothy C. Haskin (Warner Press, $1.50) is spiral bound, glossy covered, and looks completely at home in the homemaker's workshop. It will not be long until it has flour sprinkled on it and perhaps a spot of coffee, because the homemaker will pick it up whenever she has a waiting moment!

There are 52 selections, reading time for each about two minutes, meditating time unlimited. A few random quotes: "I like my mother's translation of the Bible best. She translated the Bible into life." "I know what saints are! They are the people who let the light shine through." "We don't walk in circles, we walk in spirals." "The whip of the modern home is the word 'hurry.'" "Quit reading your Bible! Go home and study it."

Not all of us take time for personal devotions, prayer and meditation. Why? I don't know. But I do know this *Apron-Pocket Book of Meditation and Prayer* (Seabury Press, $1.50) may be the answer for some who answer



the above question with "I haven't the time," "I don't know what to read," "I'm not satisfied with what I have tried."

This little book, designed to fit in an apron-pocket, could be opened almost at random and provide food for devotional thought. It speaks helpfully to a wide range of concerns, from death to the worries of a chairman. It is filled with familiar quotations and yet adds a new interpretation to routine puzzlements and perplexities. It would be helpful when one needs to lead in devotions before a group.

"Two things, our faith and our food, are more closely bound up with our daily living than any others."

With this premise the author gives us *The Bible Cookbook* by Marian M. O'Brien (Bethany Press, $3.50). There are over 500 recipes, each related to a place or person in the Bible and so named. In addition to the recipes there are tips on buying and storing foods plus easy-to-follow directions. Beginning each division there is a short commentary on the foods' usages and preparation during Bible times. The chapter, "Feeding the Multitudes," provides menu ideas for large dinners. The opening section lists several table graces, some traditional and others less well known.

The author has written for *House and Garden, Vogue, Ladies Home Journal,* and *Better Homes and Gardens,* and also has a TV program on cooking.

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Toward the Third Sunday in Advent — *Bethlehem*

The Epistle: I Corinthians 4:1-5 • The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-10

Monday, December 8

STRANGE CHOICE

Read Micah 5:2

But you, O Bethlehem . . . from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.

Bethlehem certainly was not much of a town! It was "little to be among the clans of Judah." Yet God chose it to be the place of the Nativity. If someone other than God had been in charge of picking the birthplace of Jesus, Bethlehem likely would have been bypassed and another place more prominent and fitting chosen in its stead. With God place has little significance; it is the event that is important. His choices are not so strange!

You are forever giving significance to that which by itself is insignificant, O God. In Your wisdom You make little things great, and because of Your glory the so-called great things of earth become little. We thank You for coming into the Bethlehem of our lives and making effective Your transforming presence, changing littleness into the greatness of salvation. Amen.

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Tuesday, December 9

TIED TOGETHER

Read John 7:42

Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was.

Little, insignificant Bethlehem, was tied in with the plans of God. In ancient days there was a young man there, a shepherd, named David, who became the greatest king of the people of God. From David's line, and born in David's town, was Jesus, the greatest King that earth has seen. God's plans are not hit-and-miss; there is in them a grand design, made from eternity. Places and events centuries apart are of a pattern in the unfolding of the purposes of God.

We thank You, heavenly Father, that by faith we become aligned with an Eternal Purpose. We need not wonder whether there shall be a change, whether there shall be a revision in Your plans. Give us the good confidence that we are tied into the Kingdom, and that all things work together for good to those who love God. Spare us from breaking off from Your love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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Wednesday, December 10

HEAVEN TOUCHED EARTH

Read Luke 2:4

And Joseph also went up from Galilee . . . to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem.

Bethlehem is the "City of Christmas" because it was there that heaven touched earth when Jesus was born. The Word became flesh, God was made incarnate in Jesus Christ. Unknown at first, it was a quiet event, rudely rejected by the keeper of the overcrowded inn. Humble, it made itself at home amid the accommodations of a stable; a manger held safe the Gift of God. Then the stillness of the countryside was broken by the song of the angels, heard even today!

My heart is a Bethlehem, too, O God. If the Innkeeper holds sway, help me to change the crowded conditions of a surfeited life so that Christ shall have first place and not be given "whatever room is left." I am deeply honored, O Lord, that You should choose to come to me, that You should touch this mortal with Your love and grace. Come, gentle Jesus. Amen.

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Thursday, December 11

VIOLATION

Read Matthew 2:16

Then Herod . . . sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem.

This action was strictly in character. Herod was a tyrant, a beast, and would allow no competition. He was a king, and there would be no other. His pretended interest was exposed and his arrangement with the Wise men fell through. Very well, he would be ruthless; he would destroy all the male children in Bethlehem and the region round about, who were two years old or under. He would kill off many many children to get at the one he wanted to destroy in particular. This was man at his worst.

Spare us from the violence done to the fact of Bethlehem's Event, dear God. We do not want to lose the Christ of Christmas under the bushel of commerce, nor miss proper observance of Christmas because of fretful coming and going in a mad whirl of pointless affairs. Help us to keep Christmas and thus keep Christ. Make us careful in this careless world. Amen.

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Friday, December 12

ATTRACTION

Read Matthew 2:1

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem . . . behold, wise men from the East came.

Bethlehem has always been the goal of wise men, whether they are able to name it or not. This does not include those who are among the worldly wise, for they are of a mind only to avoid the foolishness of the Bethlehem Event. But all other wise men seek it out because in finding Bethlehem they come upon the greatest single event in all history, the coming of God to earth for the sake of sinful man. No man is ever wise who disdains this truth.

How strange it is that in the foolishness of our faith we are made wise. Dear Father, restore to us the eyes of little children, that in Christmas we may see all the glory and yet the nearness of Your love in the Christ-child. Hinder us from "growing up" in the fashion of the world so that we do not grow away from the important fact of the birth of the Savior. Amen.

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Saturday, December 13

THE SHEPHERD'S RESOLVE

Read Luke 2:15

The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened."

This was the response of open, joy-filled hearts, and it was immediate. It was not destroyed or postponed by a move to think it through, debate the validity of the angel's announcement, or to talk about whether the whole thing didn't sound rather impossible. No, the resolve was to go to Bethlehem to see "this thing that has happened." And the shepherds were rewarded for their faith. They saw the little child, the newborn Savior of the world.

Make us as shepherds, dear God, so that we will have their lowly hearts, their sense of need, and their faith to believe. Give unto us their resolve and determination. If we need to make plans to get anything done, then help us to understand that Bethlehem is visited only by those who plan for it and then proceed to carry it through. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Hays, Defeated, Offers Race Problem Formula

Rep. Brooks Hays (D.-Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who was defeated for re-election to Congress by a segregationist write-in campaign, offered a three-point formula for handling the South's racial problems upon which he said he hopes all churchmen can agree.

"First, we should seek non-violent solutions to all problems," Mr. Hays said. "Second, we should not seal the lips of our ministers; and, third, we should seek to do justice in individual situations."

"I am sure that all religious leaders in the South, as well as the North, deplore the violence that has occurred," the Southern Baptist leader declared.

Speaking of the freedom of the pulpit, he said that the right of ministers to free expression should be defended on both sides of the segregation issue.

"I did not make any attempt to answer four Baptist ministers who came into my district asking voters to defeat me," Mr. Hays said. He added the ministers made speeches against him during the August primary which he won by a 15,000-vote majority.

Thirty Refugees Helped

Some 30 refugees were brought to the United States on agency assurances from the Lutheran Refugee Service during the last three months.

Coming from Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Yugoslavia, Latvia and Poland, the group includes seven families and three young people. Most of them arrived in September and October.

Special affidavits of support are issued by the LRS only if the applicant for immigration has no friends or relatives in the United States able to act as sponsor. In such cases, the LRS tries to find a congregation willing to sign a "blank check" promising to find the refugee a home and employment.

At present the LRS has 17 cases on file which need such assurances. Because immigration procedures are long and uncertain, congregations are not encouraged to sponsor specific families.

However, congregations willing to help any family, or congregations with need for an individual of a particular skill, are invited to contact the Lutheran Refugee Service, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Nicholsky, supervisor.

Indian Woman Challenges American Christian Churches

Churches must look at the specters of immorality, delinquency, and war that stalk the world today and ask wherein they have failed, one of the foremost women in India told the 8th National Assembly of United Church Women in Denver, Colo.

Rajkumari (Princess) Amrit Kaur of New Dehli faced some 2,500 women delegates from this country attending the triennial assembly and asked what they and their Christian sisters around the world are doing to stop war and injustice.

"We say war is no solution to a problem, and yet we arm for wa she said. "We believe we can conqu hatred and fear by force. Can we

Madame Kaur is a member of t Indian Parliament and former min ter of health in Prime Minister Ne ru's cabinet. For 15 years she served secretary to the late Mahatma Ghan

A Christian herself, she pointed c that through the ages the Christi countries have gone to war with ea other oftener than non-Christian tions, and that they are discoveri daily newer and more ghastly weapo of destruction.

"Is this not a challenge to the Chr tian Churches?" she asked. "Have t churches always raised their voi against wrong-doing by their ov governments? Have they alwa stretched out the hand of fellowsh and forgiveness to so-called enemie Have they always condemned the cru injustices to weak and defenseless pe ple, such as are being enacted by t lawless laws in South Africa?"

—RNS Ph

GUESTS AT WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY—Thirty-five of the world's foremost church wom joined some 2,500 American delegates at the eighth national assembly of the Unit Church Women recently in Denver. Special guests shown are Daw Khin-Khin, of Rangoo Burma; Princess Rajkumari Amrit Kaur of India; and Mrs. Iris W. King of Kingst Jamaica.

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nior Pastor Zoltan Kaldy of Pecs solemnly consecrated as Bishop he Southern District of the Hun- an Lutheran Church at rites in apest.

39-year-old bachelor, Bishop Kal- was elected to the office last Octo- with the approval of the Commu- government. He succeeds Dr. La- Ordass, one of Hungary's staunch- anti-Communist religious leaders was "requested" by the Church ncil of the Southern District last to relinquish his post.

he consecration of Bishop Kaldy performed by Dr. Lajos Veto, iding Bishop of the Church, who long been a foremost collaborator the Communist regime.

he ceremony took place in the 18th ury Deak Square church in front n altar surmounted by a copy of ael's "Transfiguration." During the a choir sang Martin Luther's ous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is God."

mong a group of foreign church- attending the rites was Archbishop Kiivit of the Evangelical Luther- Church in Soviet-occupied Estonia. prelate wore full episcopal vest- nts and carried the traditional bish- crozier.

an address hailing the new bishop, Inspector Joseph Darvas, who ke for nearly an hour, stressed the d for restoring "a proper balance" church life in Hungary.

triking out at what he called "un- ncipled maneuvering" on the part ome churchmen, he said "common- se is needed in regard to political social questions," and this "does conflict with the rules of faith."

Mr. Darvas, who has held various binet posts in the Hungarian gov- ment, is not a Communist, but has n a consistent supporter of state icies.

He expressed gratitude for the ma- al help given to the Hungarian theran Church by the Lutheran rld Federation and the World ncil of Churches. But he said he gretted" that these world organiza- ns had seen fit to view the situa- n of the Hungarian Church through eyes of "unfriendly persons."

For the Birds . . .

2,070 Bundles of Wheat

"Bundles for the Birds" is what they called it.

This project of the men of Bethany Church, Frost, Minn., begun last spring, has just been completed.

Remembering the old Scandinavian Christmas custom of placing a bundle of grain on a pole out of doors for the birds, the men decided last spring to make a business of it.

They used four acres of the church grounds for the project. One man provided the wheat, another did the planting, a third cut it with his binder and two others stacked it. Last month they made arrangements with the auxiliary of Ebenezer Home for the Aged to be the retail outlet in Minneapolis. Then they delivered to the home 2,070 bundles of wheat neatly packed in cellophane, ready for sale to Twin City customers.

The project, which has provided many hours of good fellowship and fun as well as work, was begun under the leadership of interim pastor Melvin P. Kaatrud and completed under the direction of the Rev. C. Kenneth Peisker, who has been pastor of the parish since September of this year.

New Honor Rolls

Thirty-nine more ELC churches have been added to the Lutheran Herald "honor roll" list. These churches all are subscribing to the Herald for every member family.

Many other churches have indicated they are going to vote on the plan at their annual meetings. Churches may enter the honor roll plan at any time. The price per subscriber is $1.75 for one year under this arrangement.

There are now 370 churches on the Herald honor roll. The following are new since the last listing:

East Moe Church, Garfield, Minn.—the Rev. Milton Aarsvold

Trinity Church, Moorhead, Minn.—the Rev. Oscar Anderson

Marion Church, St. Olaf, Ia.—the Rev. Bruce Boyce

Trinity Church, Westbrook, Minn.—the Rev. Leander B. Brakke

Zion Church, Loma, N. Dak.—the Rev. Paul Bungum

Trinity Church, Perth, N. Dak—the Rev. Lester Carlson

St. Olaf Church, Grygla, Minn.—the Rev. H. Arthur Dale, Jr.

Our Savior's Church, Wells, Minn.—the Rev. Walter A. Ekeren

Washington Prairie Church, Hatton, N. Dak.—the Rev. Carl J. Field

Our Savior's Church, Obert, Neb. and Zion Church, Maskell, Neb.—the Rev. Carl Grindberg

English Church, Hazen, N. Dak. and English Union Church, Stanton, N. Dak.—the Rev. Robert J. Grindland

Rock Creek Church, Osage, Ia.—the Rev. I. Z. Hyland

First Church, Conroy, Ia.—the Rev. Jordan T. Jacobsen

Prince of Peace Church, Lemmon, S. Dak.—the Rev. Gerald G. Jacobson

So. Santiago Church, Santiago, Minn.—the Rev. V. A. Jensen

St. Petri Church, Stephen, Minn.—the Rev. I. Murray Johnson

Valle Church, Rolette, N. Dak.—the Rev. Manuel D. Johnson

Norway Church, Norway, Ks.—the Rev. J. P. Knudson

Box Elder Church, Box Elder, Mont. and Christ Church, Big Sandy, Mont.—the Rev. Carl Lee

Tolgen Church, Saum, Minn.—the Rev. Gerhard Lingen

Belfield Church, Belfield, N. Dak.—the Rev. Lambert Locker

Washington Church, Duncombe, Ia.—the Rev. Palmer Loken

Our Savior's Church, Menno, S. Dak.—the Rev. Archie Lovaas

Aneroid preaching place, Aneroid, Sask., Can.—the Rev. Ivar Moen

Zion Church, Rake, Ia.—the Rev. Hilmar Mostul

St. Peter's Church, Vermillion, S. Dak.—the Rev. A. P. Nelson

Our Redeemer's Church, Suring, Wis.—the Rev. Philip E. Nieft

Norman Church, Kindred, N. Dak.—the Rev. Elwyn J. Nissen

Zion Church, Spicer, Minn.—the Rev. Henry Norem

Waverly Church, Truman, Minn.—the Rev. Robert A. Onkka

Faith Church, Dwight, N. Dak.—the Rev. H. E. Rasmussen, Jr.

Our Savior's Church, Elroy, Wis.—the Rev. Paul H. Sanders

Hannaford Church, Hannaford, N. Dak.—the Rev. Alexander Thompson

Prince of Peace Church, Milwaukee, Wis.—the Rev. Tenner Thompson, Jr.

Kent Church, Kent, Wash.—the Rev. Irving S. Tweeten

American Church, Turner, Montana—the Rev. E. O. Urness

Church of the Month . . .

Aloha, Kalihi

Christ the King Church, the second ELC congregation in the Hawaiian Islands, has been chosen as the December "Church of the Month."

Two pictures taken on dedication day in October appear on this page.

The Rev. Maynard Halvorson began the work of this congregation in the Kalihi district of Honolulu in August 1956. The first service was held in October of that year and the congregation organized in March 1957. Construction of the church and parsonage was completed just last month.

The area in which this new church is located adjoins Fort Shafter, and thus the congregation ministers to many military personnel. But this congregation's ministry is interesting in another way. Residents of the area are predominantly oriental, and the congregation from its first service has been inter-racial. The president of the congregation is of Chinese background. One member of the council is Japanese. Sunday school classes, the choir, and every worship service is made up of persons of all races.

Property and construction costs are high in Hawaii and as a result this comparatively modest church and parsonage cost $60,000. The property on which they are located was purchased for $59,000. The stewardship response of the congregation is excellent, but a large Home Mission loan was necessary to bring this congregation and church into being.

Above: Dr. Gaylord Falde, president of the California District, congratulates Mr. Kenneth Leong, president of the congregation. At right, the first unit of the Hawaiian Church.

Churches

Montevideo, Minn.—Dedication ices were conducted recently for a parsonage for the Mandt-Jevnake ish near here. Dr. E. C. Reine president of the Southern Minn district, preached at morning wo services and conducted the afte dedicatory rites. The Rev. J. I Mossman is pastor of the parish

Silverton, Ore.—Missionary I Hallanger of Madagascar, whose port was recently voted by Imm Church here, has just completed day visit in the parish. The cong tion also recently voted to mor its property in order to extend to Our Redeemer Church, Eu Ore., enabling the latter congreg to refinance its Home Mission sion fund loan. The Rev. G Amundson is pastor of Imm Church.

San Diego, Calif.—A new mem organ was recently dedicated at Savior's Church, the Rev. Ansle S son, pastor. Miss Ruth Krienke p the dedication concert.

Durand, Ill.—Trinity Church Rev. G. R. Moen, pastor, recent dedicated its church and re-laye

rnerstone after completing an exnsive remodeling program. The Rev. A. Suby, president of the Rock River rcuit, conducted the rites.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—Bethel Church, e Rev. E. W. Wilson, pastor, recently lebrated three events in the life of a ome Mission congregation. On Octo- r 31 the congregation was officially ganized with 137 charter members. n November 2 Pastor Wilson was inalled as the first pastor of the congretion and the cornerstone of the new urch was laid. The Rev. Herbert anson, assistant to the president of e Eastern district, officiated.

Clam Falls, Wisconsin—Clam Falls hurch celebrated its 75th anniversary cently. Former pastors Joel Pederson d Arnold Olson were speakers. The ev. Marvin Johnson brought greetgs. The church was redecorated and w chancel furnishings purchased in me for the anniversary celebration.

Des Moines, Iowa — The Lutheran hurch of the Good Shepherd of this ty has refinanced its home mission xtension Fund loan and is expanding s facilities through the help of a onsorship loan of $25,000 from Bethy Church, Emmetsburg, Ia., the Rev. B. Sorensen, pastor. The Rev. Elder . Bentley is pastor at Good Shepherd.

People

The Rev. Trygve R. Skarston was stalled as pastor of Calvary Church, ucson, Ariz., last month.

Miss Ann Brownlow, member of ft. Morris Holden Church, Wautoma, Vis. was recently commissioned in her ome church as a missionary nurse to outh Africa by Dr. Rolf Syrdal, exutive secretary of Foreign Missions. St. Olaf graduate, Miss Brownlow ceived her masters' degree in nursing is year from the University of Minneta.

The Rev. Floyd R. Larsen has regned as pastor of the Clinton-Freend parish in Washington to accept a ll to First Church, Ketchikan, Alasa, effective this month.

The Rev. Theol S. Hoiland has regned as pastor of Our Saviour's hurch, Lebanon, Ore., in order to cept the call to become pastor of ur Saviour's Church, Stanwood, Vash., effective January 1.

Miss Joan Pilgrim has been installed as the new parish education and youth director at First English Church, Faribault, Minn., the Rev. A. L. Rustad, pastor.

The Rev. S. T. Jacobson, who has spent the past year in study, has accepted a call to a four-church parish centering in Torquay, Sask., Canada.

The Rev. John C. Kilde, formerly of Soldier, Ia., has moved to his new parish at Brandt, S. Dak., where he serves Highland and East Highland Churches.

The Rev. Joel T. Pederson, formerly of Enderlin, N. Dak., is now pastor of a three-church parish at Mt. Vernon, S. Dak.

Miss Ann Harschlip was recently installed as parish worker at the Church of the Resurrection, Redondo Beach, Calif., the Rev. Marvin Rygh, pastor.

The Rev. Roland L. Schwandt of Manitowoc, Wis. has been appointed vice president for development at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., effective April 1, 1959. He will succeed the late Olin Lokken.

The Rev. Walter Baertschi, formerly of Amery, Wis., has been installed as pastor of First Church, Portland, Me.

The Rev. Obed C. Anderson, formerly of Pine River, Minn., is now serving Our Savior's Church, Superior, Wis.

The Rev. Harry Babbington, formerly of La Crosse, Wis., is the new associate pastor of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., the Rev. Agnar Tanner, senior pastor.

The Rev. Wm. Benbow, formerly of Waukon, Ia., is now serving as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Ames, Ia.

The Rev. Lowell I. Torgerson, formerly assistant pastor at Central Church, Oakland, Calif., has been installed as pastor of Norwegian Church, San Francisco, Calif.

Dr. Kristian Hansson, Oslo, Norway, chief administrative officer for church affairs in the Ministry of Church and State for Norway, died suddenly November 4. A lawyer by profession, Dr. Hansson was one of the leading Lutheran laymen of Norway. Through several visits to the United States, he became well known throughout The Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Erling Jacobson has resigned as assistant pastor at Edison Park Church, Chicago, Ill., to accept a call to become pastor of the new home mission church in West Bend, Wis.

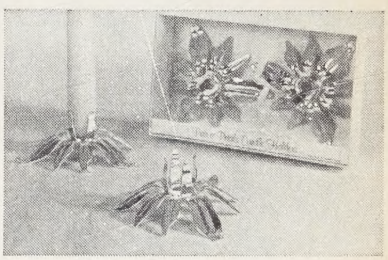
World Missions

The Rev. and Mrs. John Quam and family and **Miss Anna Vegdahl** left last month to join the staff in Tanganyika.

The Rev. and Mrs. Everett Savage are now in Taiwan to begin their mission service there.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Davidson and family have arrived in Japan to begin their second term.

Three men serving their year of seminary internship have recently taken their places among the missionaries on three mission fields. **Wayne Tellekson** is working in Formosa, **John Hanson** in Hongkong, and **Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Siegele** in Japan.



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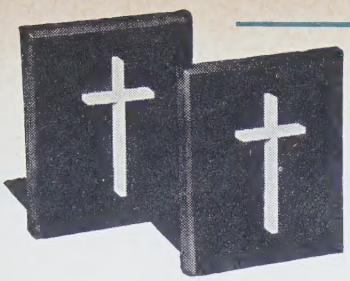

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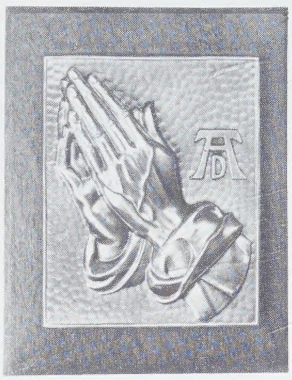

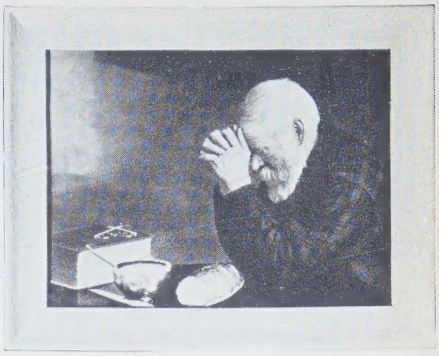

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